

WEST GERMANY: Aerospace Firm Responds to Pressure

A US demarche to Bonn early this year and subsequent pressure from the West German Government reportedly have led the West German firm MBB to dissolve its Transtechnica division, which marketed ballistic missile technology to Third World nations. Many of the division's employees reportedly will move to Consen, a company based in Monaco that has worked with MBB to develop the Condor II missile for Argentina, Egypt, and Iraq. MBB's key ballistic missile expert, who directed the Condor program and was specifically criticized in the US protest, left the firm in May, [REDACTED]

Comment: Pressure from West German officials has led MBB to disengage from transferring missile technology to the Third World. It is especially eager to sever any apparent ties to the Condor II project to avoid jeopardizing its lucrative role in a number of NATO projects and bilateral ones with the US. [REDACTED]